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WHAT'S NEW IN THE ATARI FORUMS (July 16)

ATARI IN THE NEWS

This is a GREAT TIME for Atari-related announcements. First, the alliance between ATari and IBM for the new Jaguar, and now, Gribnif Software announces GENEVA, their new multi-tasking environment. See the GENEVA press releases in LIB 15 of the Atari Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) or go to the Gribnif section/library in the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for additional info.

NEW JAGUAR AREA IN ATARI 8-BIT FORUM

With the announcement from Sunnyvale on the new JAGUAR Multimedia Entertainment System, we've added a Message Section and Library to the ATARI8 Forum. We invite you to join us in sharing news and views of what promises to be an exciting machine. GO ATARI8 for Section 15 [Jaguar].

TWENTY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FALCON ... ANSWERED BY ATARI CORP.

Download file 20Q_01.TXT from LIBRARY 15 of the Atari Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) for the first 20 QUESTIONS file of questions submitted by the members to Atari Corp and answered by Bob Brodie, James Grunke and Bill Rehbock.

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OREGON RESEARCH JOINS ATARIVEN!

Message Section 12 and Library 12 have been established for online support of Oregon Research's products. Please read OREGON.TXT in Library 12 of the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for an overview of the company. Also, be sure to check out the other files in the Library for in-depth information on their entire product line.

NEW SOFTLOGIK DEMO IN ATARIVEN

Download file FLAGS.LZH from LIBRARY 11 of the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for Sample EPS (Adobe Illustrator) files of the new Flags of the World clipart collection now being sold by Soft-Logik Publishing. The archive contains four flags.

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> From the Editor's Desk "Saying it like it is!"

This week's issue is rather large I'll admit but then we have a few very large and equally foreboding matters facing the platform. Rather than editorialize here, I've included the message strings and comments from all the "parties" involved. You see for yourself and be sure to 'read' the material not glance at it. I wonder if you'll notice which are being straight forward and of course, which are playing the "evasive games".

Word Perfect Corp. is very busy these days... shipping a number of new products including Word Perfect 6.0 and the new Presentations Package.

This issue is done completely in Word Perfect 6.0. It arrived here last Wednesday. The installation was a breeze and the program itself is wonderful. It simply has to be the finest word processor ever produced. Now, with all its additional features, its the best. Watch for a series of overviews in the next few weeks.

Ralph....

Now, for a guest Editorial:

by Dana P. Jacobson

In last week's issue (#9.28), STReport published a letter from Lee Seiler of Lexicor Software, an interview with Lee Seiler, and some editorial comments based on the first two items. A few days later, an official response was issued by the IAAD's Dorothy Brumleve. After reading all of this material, and seeing subsequent discussions online between CIS and Delphi, I'm more convinced than ever that the decision to expel themembers of Lexicor Software from the IAAD was 1) reached hastily, 2) not investigated thoroughly, 3) based, at least partially, on hearsay, and 4) arrived at guilt "by omission" (Seiler didn't defend himself).

Once the IAAD response was issued, it was learned that one of the two videotapes, held by Ron Luks of Compuserve, was never even opened until after learning that Lexicor was expelled. The other tape was received and viewed by Bob Brodie. According to the IAAD statement, the videotape contained: "...the LEXICOR account logs on to GENie and composes a letter to me. I actually had received this exact same letter from the LEXICOR account, signed "Lee", on May 25, 1993. The letter even states that the session is being videotaped." "...The videotape contains LEXICOR's account number and password. On the basis of this evidence, the Board voted unanimously to discontinue Lexicor's membership in the IAAD. We notified Lee Seiler with the following message:

As you are aware, a Charge of Violation has alleged that you distributed your logon and password to non-members. The Board of Directors of the IAAD has determined that this Charge is founded. Today, the Board has voted unanimously to expel Lexicor from the IAAD."

So, unless information is being withheld by the IAAD, Lee Seiler videotaped his logging on to GENie, entering the IAAD area, and composing a letter to Dorothy Brumleve. The IAAD has assumed that the logon sequence included an active password; the logon name is inconsequential as everyone is aware of the account name. It's learned later, and many had already surmised, the password was fictitious, used temporarily to actually log on to GENie, and summarily changed again. The letter to Brumleve violated no vows of confidentiality. How could it, Lee wrote the letter! He could have as easily posted the letter in a public forum. All that entire sequence proves is that he logged on and entered the IAAD area.

The issue of the videotapes raises a number of questions. First of all, Brumleve states that two IAAD members complained about this "violation of confidentiality." It would be very interesting to learn _who_ made those complaints. No, I don't mean to be able to shout "snitch,", but I believe that the names would prove interesting. Also, did the IAAD governing board actually see the tapes? We know from Luks' message that no one other than he has seen his; and that occurred _after_ the verdict.

Was the Brodie tape seen? Were the two tapes identical? From Luks' message, nothing of any confidential material was revealed on his tape. The password used was indeed a fake one. And, neither Brodie or Luks accessed the IAAD using the videotaped material.

Why did Lee Seiler even make these two videotapes and send them to Brodie and Luks. Let me offer an opinion of the second question first. Bob Brodie is the director of communications for Atari, a most prominent position. Atari is the co-contract holder of the Atari RT on GENie. Bob, as the most active of Atari personnel on GENie, at least the most visible, is a likely candidate. He's also not a member of the IAAD, and an unbiased candidate to review the situation that Seiler was attempting to unfold. Luks, the contract holder of the Atari Forums on Compuserve, is an expert in his field. It appears obvious that he would be another likely candidate. Like Brodie, Luks is also not a member of the IAAD and an unbiased candidate. If Seiler was looking to violate IAAD confidentiality and show the innards of the IAAD area on GENie, why didn't he send a videotape to STReport? After all, he has spoken to Ralph Mariano a number of times answering questions. He didn't because his goal was to show two people, two "experts," who would be able to offer some suggestions or insights into the matter being pursued.

As to why a videotape, we need to go back to problems that Lexicor was involved in a few weeks ago, and which STReport published as well. As you may remember, Lexicor had had problems with its flags on GENie; and concurrently, claimed conflict of interest problems with the RT SysOps. Apparently, Lexicor wasn't pleased with the accounting of the flag problem, nor its immediate attention. Lexicor was convinced that there was a problem while the ST RT managers claimed otherwise. So, it appears, that Lee Seiler decided to videotape the process to show that the problem was there. When you think about it, it was a unique thing to do. Lexicor didn't feel dealing with GENie was going to do much good, so he sent tapes to Brodie and Luks. Unfortunately, having done so led to Lexicor's expulsion.

So, if the additional information related by Luks is true; and the IAAD's decision is based essentially solely because of the videotape, I feel that this decision needs to be reconsidered. Doing so, however, does place both the IAAD and Lexicor in an unenviable position. I believe that the most logical process would allow both to come out of this with dignity intact. The IAAD should review the additional information received from Luks. If the IAAD confidentiality hasn't been violated, as has been claimed by Luks, the IAAD can simply state that after further review of the situation...

In any case, I think that it's imperative that the IAAD hear Lexicor's side of the story, in its entirety, from all three members of the company. Obviously, this would be up to Lexicor if they thought it would accomplish something. I also feel that if it's part of the IAAD commitment to its members, it should play a role in helping Lexicor resolve its other problems.

I think it's vitally important that these types of problems are quickly defused. There are enough problems in the Atari community which we are unable to rectify.

To Dorothy Brumleve and the rest of the IAAD, I respect your convictions and efforts to continue to remain a strong and viable organization of strong Atari supporters. I also feel that you all have a sense of justice and fair play, and will ultimately do the right thing and

restore Lexicor's membership status.

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> ONLINE WEEKLY STReport OnLine The wires are a hummin'!

PEOPLE... ARE TALKING

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On CompuServe

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Hidi Ho good neighbors! Mother nature is cooperating this week (no power outage), so I can type this by the soft natural glow of a GE 60 watt bulb.

Well, let's get to the good stuff. You know, the hints, tips, and answers to be found every week in the Atari forums here on CompuServe...

From the Atari Productivity Forum
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Tadas Klimas tells us:

"I'm thinking of upgrading my old 86 vintage ST and am torn between getting a Mega, maybe with a Mac emulator, and one of those Mac LCIIIs. Any pros and cons?"

Tim Myers tells Tadas:

"As a long term Atari and short term Mac user I might be in a good position to give some advice. I would have to say that it depends on how much ST software you have and how much it would cost to replace that software with the Mac equivalent, bearing in mind that Mac software tends to be more expensive than the ST stuff (although I would have to say that with the exception of the Music software the software available for the Mac is generally better IMO).

The Mac LCII is getting a bit long in the tooth but then again so is the Mega. The Mac emulator (Spectre) is a good piece of hardware/software but it won't run Apples current operating system 7.

Overall I would say if you have a big financial investment in ST software get a Mega with Spectre. If you don't then consider an LCII, but if I was buying a Mac from scratch I would get an LCIII. There are no Atari emulators for the Mac !

Alternatively you could wait a while to see if the Atari Falcon takes off. There are a few PD utilities that greatly improve Falcons ability to run existing ST software and the OS releases are reaching the point where it should settle down soon. A version of Spectre for the Falcon is also rumored to be underway."

Michael Robillard asks about a problem he's having with disks:

"I've experienced the following recently. After copying programs from my ramdisk to my floppy drive. I opened the window for the floppy drive and saw a bunch of folder icons with strange characters underneath (there were no letters). I scrolled the window and the normal files were still there. I took one of the alien files (that's what the file names remind me of) and tried to open it the disk drive spun but nothing happened. I tried to delete and some message about the application not existing. I then closed the window and reopened it and a black rectangle appeared in the window. I then used fastcopy to copy the disk to itself but I lowered the sector and track count because I had the disk originally set too high. After I had finished copying the disk to itself and exit fastcopy I opened the floppy window again and it was pitch black. I turned off the computer waited 30 seconds and turned it back on. The alien files were still there. I attempted to erase another one but this time the whole disk was deleted (I have a back up copy of the main programs so nothing important was lost). I just remembered another thing when the window was opened according line at top I something like 122 files with over 100000000 bytes or some ridiculous number like that. Does anybody have any idea what happened and how I can prevent from happening again?"

Mike Mortilla tells Mike Robillard:

"Sounds like you messed up a FAT (File Allocation Table) or something. I've found that using 83 tracks when formatting is unreliable when it comes to

reading the disk again. Especially if you write to the disk more than once.

In general, I try to stay in the normal formats and haven't had a problem like the one you experienced in quite a while. When I used higher # of tracks, that would happen more often.

Others may have more technical insights..."

Sysop Ron Luks tells Mike Mortilla:

"Sounds like you diagnosed it correctly. I always caution folks to stick to normal disk formatting. It just isn't worth getting a small percentage increase in storage capacity and risking all the things that can go wrong with non-standard formatting."

Robert Aries asks Mike Robillard:

"Had you opened the floppy drive icon on the desktop before dragging the files from the ramdisk to it? Older versions of TOS sometimes didn't recognize when you changed a floppy. For that matter, I'm not sure if even the newer TOS's re-read the directory when one does the operation you describe.

When I had TOS 1.0 in my 520st, I would always close, then re-open the floppy drive icon on the desktop to make sure the computer had the latest directory in memory (the ST stores a segment of a disk's directory in memory, to speed up disk access I think). Pushing the <Esc> key to update a floppy's window never worked unless the disk was write-protected. Now that I have TOS 2.06 (thanks to Codehead's TEC board), I notice that the window updates whether the disk is write-protected or not.

Anyway, if you write to a disk while the computer thinks that there's a different disk in there, you'll probably mess up the FAT and get the results you describe."

Mike Robillard tells Robert:

"I'm not really sure if I opened the floppy disk before copying the files but I probably didn't. I would like to ask you about the TEC you mentioned. Does it just plug into your computer or do you have to be some sort of installation expert? I have a MEGA2. I plan to use my computer until I can't get anymore out of it. Do you feel it would be to my advantage to upgrade to TOS206 (and make other changes to my computer to make it more compatible the newer ATARI models) or should I just leave things as they are until I need to buy a new system? I am not very good at taking things apart and putting back together so I would have to have someone do it for me. Are upgrades only feasible for the do ityourself?"

Robert tells Mike:

"There's a version of the TEC for your Mega that plugs right in. I have an old 520st and had to get the version that solders in. It costs a little less but you do need some electronic assembly skills to install it. Yours would pop right in there.

The decision to go with the TEC for me was academic; the latest version of my most-used software (Dr T's KCS midi sequencer) had problems with my older TOS (1.0), so I had to always use an earlier version. The newer TOS has several internal improvements & bug fixes, and a lot of newer programs may not even be tested with older TOSs'. If you continue to buy new

programs, my guess is that eventually you'll have a problem (especially if you have TOS 1.0, although I think Megas have at least 1.2 or 1.4).

However, if all the programs you use work OK with the TOS you're currently using, then it comes down to whether you'd appreciate the new desktop. It sure is nice, but it wasn't really _essential_ to me. However, now that I have it I can say that I'm very happy, especially the feature where you can assign a program to run by just pressing a function key, no matter how many folders "deep" it is. If you have a hard drive you'll certainly appreciate that (unless you already have a program that does that, of course!). A lot of the "patch" programs for the older TOS versions are unnecessary now."

David Hagood asks Bob Brodie of Atari about his order for Atari products:

"I placed an order for MultiTOS/SpeedoGDOS about 3 weeks ago via Compuserve, requesting second day air shipment and confirmation when my order was processed. I have received no response nor have I received my program. I did not feel very good about E-Mailing my credit card number to an employee rather than going through an established Mall store, but I did. I would like some kind of response about my order. Generally, when I order something shipped second day air, I expect the order to carry some sense of urgency!"

Jim Ness jumps in and tells David:

"If I remember right, there's an explanation, of sorts, in the latest Atari Explorer Online, in library 15 of ATARIARTS. Shipments of MultiTOS are delayed a bit."

David tells Jim:

"Well, that's a pisser, considering that I was quite clear and pointed in asking if MultiTOS was available for immediate shipment (as I put it, "If I order it Monday shipped second day air, will it be here before Friday?"). I was told YES, and that was what I predicated my order upon."

Rob Rasmussen asks:

"I have Straight Fax and Degas Elite. I would like to try converting a Degas into a Fax file, but it seems to only accept high rez Degas pics, and I only have a color monitor. Same for high rez IMG files - I've never had any since I can't use high rez. I downloaded some .P?3 Degas files and loaded them in Straight Fax's window (they were pictures of Straight Fax's main screen). I had to scroll the window to see the whole thing, yet it was in color! I thought P?3 pics would be monochrome. Is there any way I could save a Degas low or medium rez pc in high rez for use with Straight Fax?"

Charles Smeton tells Rob:

"FAX transfers under Group 3 are monochrome bit maps. DEGAS and DEGAS Elite monochrome graphics (along with monochrome Image files) are supported. You can convert Color DEGAS files to monochrome image files using a programsuch as Touch Up or other paint type programs. The DEGAS file will be usually be expanded in size as dither patterns are used to represent different colors.

The resultant file will be too large to fit into a DEGAS HiRez file which is limited to 640 x 400. The output should be saved in Image format which allows any size image (Up to 65535 x 65535).

P?3 Pics are monochrome at 640 x 400. ST Medium rez is 640 x 200. The DEGAS picture is too tall to fit in a window on the 640 x 200 screen.

BTW, there are various algorithms for converting color to half tone monochrome. The result may not be satisfactory for FAXing purposes. In addition dither patterns create the worst case type of bit map for the Group 3 FAX compression and will result in large FAX files."

On the subject of networking machines, Thomas Hutchins says:

"You would think that there would be some software being developed for the Falcon Localtalk capabilities.. It is something that they shouldn't leave untouched. I guess since the Falcon just came out, I should be patient."

Tony at GST Software talks about a previous message from Ron Luks about networking:

"...we have stuff here which allows us to put any ST onto our Novell network (which is primarily pc based)."

That was all Ron needed to hear. He asks Tony:

"When you say "we have stuff here which allows us to put any ST onto our Novell network..." is it proprietary in-house software or is it commercially available?

Is it strictly for file sharing or could you execute an Atari program that may reside on a network file server HD?"

No word from Tony yet, but we'll keep you posted on it.

From the Atari ST Arts Forum
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Gottfried Baumeier posts:

"For a private purpose I am looking for pictures of elephants, drawings, also caricatural, no scanned photos, to use with software ARABESQUE PROF and CALAMUS 1.09 N. Who can tell me, where I could find those pictures ?"

Albert Dayes of Atari Explorer Magazine tells Gottfried:

"You might try the desktop publishing forum on Compuserve. They might have something in the library. (GO DTPFORUM)"

Greg Kopchak adds:

"We just took a roll of Zoo pictures last week. Got 4 or 5 elephants on Photo CD. What picture format can you handle? I'll post them here in that format.

If you need a higher res image like 1500 by 1000 or similar, the files would be too large to post (about 5 meg in true color)."

Albert Dayes tells Greg:

"I want the PRO formats 4,000 x 6,000 by 24-bit color. <grin> Can youupload those Photo CD pictures? <big grin>"

Lee Seiler at Lexicor Software tells Greg:

"There are several really good computer artist here in the Atari arts forum. You might try asking one of them if "He" would just do the drawings for you. I think that IMG,TIF,TARGA formats are available. I suspect that "He" would do the work using the new NOVA card from Lexicor and the yet to be released PrismPaint II to do the work, with GEMview coming in to do file formatting?

Just a suggestion :-)

Hint: you may find one artist who has been published on many soft cover action novels, underground comix in the 1960's, been published in college level zoology text books, and education al dinosaur animation films in the 70's.

Smile....."

Hal Dougherty tells Greg:

"I've used a 486-33sx with 8megs of ram and over 100megs of free disk space, and I've not been able to load a 2048x3072 picture from the CD! Good luck with the professional size pictures!

I'm upgrading my 386-16 to a 486 this week. The 386 is way to slow for photo work...

The 384x256 pictures convert best to my STe, but 640x480x256 is the best compromise between quality and file size on a VGA monitor. I've got a picture that I converted to a hand outlined pastel print. It looked so nice, that I took the file to a publishing house and had it printed on photo stock in a 20inches x 22inches size."

Greg tells Hal:

"You're right about a 386 and Photo Cd not mixing. On the PC, doing true-color makes a considerable improvement over 256 color mode in Windows."

Jim Ness asks Nathan Potechin of DMC:

"How long does it take to print a Kodak photo?

My wife just got WordPerfect 6.0 and an HP 550C color printer, at work, and says that printing .WPG color graphics at the highest quality setting takes forever.

Like half an hour, for a nearly full-page graphic. Fortunately, it's faster, if she chooses "draft quality" or "medium quality" instead. But, at those settings, the dithering becomes more and more visible/annoying.

Does it work the same for Calamus?"

Nathan tells Jim:

"Nope. :-) As usual, Calamus builds up the entire image of the page in memory and then sends it to the printer OR depending on the printer, breaks up the page into a number of parts based on available RAM memory. In any case, although I do not have a 550C in-house at this time, I'll guess that it would take less than 5 minutes to print anything, including a Kodak Photo CD image."

On the lighter side of things, Hal Dougherty tells Tony Barker of Moving Pixels Software: "I never did find a way to freeze dry the snowball I was going to send you last winter! ;-) I still have a few in the freezer if you need more cold and snow. It's almost 100 degrees here today!

One of our department store chains (Wall-Mart) only charges \$15.88 for processing a roll of 24 photographs. Or 88 cents a slide or individual negative, with a 12 picture min. on each disk. The price is the same if you get multiple rolls on a disk, or if you get each roll on a separate disk. I've got both and I like fewer pictures on a disk because it's quicker to find the one I want. (I'm using a clone for photograph work)

I've uploaded several pictures to the outdoor forum (go outdoors) of a trip my son and I took mountain biking on Bay's Mtn. just a few miles from my house. And I've sent some action shots from the Tour DuPont bicycle race. I've used a shareware picture editor (Picture Man) on the clone to convert one of the photographs into a hand outlined pastel drawing. I was Impressed enough to take the picture file to a publisher and get it printed as a poster size photo."

Tony tells Hal:

"I waited all summer by the mailbox for that snowball :-)

I'm sure it's just talk at the moment but the Photo processing place I was speaking with here said the \$1.50 AUD offer ends in December and the price will rise to \$2.50 AUD :-O

I think they are just unsure of the demand and that will never occur but I'll be real P***ed off if it does.

I'll check out some of your shots. I'm most impressed with the technology, Greg Kopchak sent me a demo of the software they are working on for the Falcon and it had a load of PCD snaps, the quality is excellent.

Here's a question for you, what's the cheapest PCD compatible, double speed, multi-session, XA SCSI drive over your way, I'm in an upgrading mood and I don't think the prices are all that cheap over here yet.

I use Picture man on the PC sometimes, not bad, have you uploaded the shot you had printed? I'd like to see it."

Hal adds:

"It's hard to mail a snowball to Australia... I was going to send an empty pouch with a label that said. "Add Water and freeze!" But, I didn't get around to it..."

From the Atari Vendors Forum
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Of course, the big news right now is the quickly approaching release of Geneva, the MultiTasking software from Gribnif Software. Rick Flashman of Gribnif posts a speed comparison between machines running with and without Geneva:

" | TOS 1.2 | MultiTOS | % Diff | Geneva | % Diff |

Math routines	16.57	27.60	60.04%	16.67	99.40%
Memory fetch/store	16.18	27.00	59.93%	16.33	99.08%
Dialog box redraw	38.95	40.57	96.01%	33.23	117.21%
Graphics	149.34	151.26	98.73%	157.27	94.96%

Average	100%	78.67%	102.66%
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"Ian Burton of Atari Music posts:

"My question is-how compatible is it?

I use DTP (Pagestream) music (Cubase and Notator SL) fax (Straight FAX!) comms (Stalker/Steno) others (AtariWorks) and many other packages...

I know some of these aren't MTOS compatible, but how well do these packages run under Geneva? (Yes, I am a skeptic, even though I know you boys at Gribnif do a great job at programming). another dumb question (probably shouldn't ask it, but anyway)-does Geneva work in a similar way to E-magic's SoftLink, or Dr T's MPE or any other of the current "multitasking" programs?

Just another curious cat..."

Rick Flashman tells Ian:

"We don't have any MIDI software, so I cannot comment on those. Maybe you can convince some of those vendors that us Gribnif guys know NOTHING of music and would appreciate some software for testing. We've never been to successful at having MIDI developers send us anything. And when they do, they don't want to fix anything. Actual quote from a major MIDI developer "We don't see a need to fix that as our customers will only use our software on their machine.". I must make exception with Dr. T. who has always cleaned up their software and has been very easy to talk to.

Anyway, of the programs you mentioned, we've tested PageStream 2, AtariWorks, Stalker, Steno, Straight FAX (well our beta testers did, they said it works awesome in multitasking, staying in the background until you receive a fax), and many other popular programs like WordPerfect, Calamus 1.09, 1st Word Plus, LDW Power, Tempus, SuperBase Pro, Flash (singletasking mode), Data Manager, and so forth. They all work great.

The key to Geneva is not as much as if it will work, but which of Geneva's flags need to be set to make it work. My big concern with MIDI programs is that many tend to break the Atari programming guidelines (which means they work great by themselves, but hate anything else). We've only seen one of the multitasking MIDI programs, and it was a terrible memory partitioning program (ala revolver). I don't know how the other ones work.

Rick @ Gribnif

P.S. The goal in Geneva, was to create a multitasking system where current software was able to operate. Not one where software could be adapted to work in.

P.S.S. One of our beta testers explained the compatibility issue best on GENie: He said that he used Geneva ALL the time. He used all the same software. If something didn't work right, he simply played with the Geneva Flags until it did, and then kept going. In the end he never had to change what software he used or how he used it."

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Notable Technologies Inc., a leading developer and publisher of applications for pen-based mobile computing, and Compsoft Services Inc. of Greenwich, Conn., a developer of custom software and communications products for Fortune 100 companies, today announced a technology and marketing partnership that will bring to market new and expanded communications software solutions for GO Corporation's PenPoint operating system.

Under the agreement, Notable will market and distribute Compsoft's PenNET line of new communications applications under Notable's Mobile Access brand, as well as other products that are currently under jointdevelopment with Compsoft. In addition, Notable will be providing, in conjunction with Compsoft, custom application development and project coordination services for companies looking for assistance in their mobile computing and communications piloting efforts.

In coming months a series of powerful pen-based hardware products will be shipping from such companies as:EO, Inc., IBM, Fujitsu, Toshiba and NEC. Notable is positioned to be the leading supplier of communications-based software for this emerging market. The company has already announced Mobile Access Personal, a powerful telecommunications package that links mobile users with various host environments. Compsoft Services will provide its significant communications and networking technical expertise to help Notable broaden the vertical and horizontal applications for the Mobile Access family.

Notable and Compsoft Services are committed to staying on top of the rapidly emerging pen-based mobile computing and personal communicator technology. Host connectivity is a cornerstone application for this market, said Ronald J. Brown, president of Notable Technologies. Our agreement with Compsoft assures that we will be the premier provider of this crucial communication capability. In addition, our relationship means that Notable will be in a position to reach the market faster, with other new communications solutions and upgrades.

Dr. Trilok Manocha, president of Compsoft Services, Inc. added, We believe that the combination of our experience in the development of complex networking, application and system software combined with Notable's significant marketing, distribution, sales and software development expertise and close relationship with other mobile computing technology companies will allow us to be leaders in bringing this new technology to market.

According to Brown, positive feedback from prototype application sites and initial trade press technology reviews are good indications that the era of pen-based mobile computing has finally arrived. Communications is one of the key factors that makes this class of computing highly productive. From the floor of major stock exchanges to the field sales forces of international pharmaceutical companies, business managers are realizing the competitive advantage that can be

gained by providing easier, more portable access to and from their information warehouses (host computing infrastructures).

With offices in Oakland and Foster City, California, Notable is dedicated to creating easy-to-use, easy-to-learn software to empower mobile professionals to more effectively communicate and interact, as well as organize information efficiently.

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WordPerfect Presentations
WordPerfect Corporation

So, you haven't gone Windows, but you want the latest and greatest in presentation graphics? Well, there are a few indisputable advantages to computing under a system-wide graphical user interface, and one issimplified data import; you may want to jump through that open window, after all. Still not convinced? Check out WordPerfect Presentations. It's got most of what you're looking for, and in spite of running under DOS probably will accept the information you already have sitting in your computer.

WordPerfect Presentations' advantages lie in who distributes it; thanks to the dominance of their self-titled word processor, the folks at WordPerfect Corporation have a presence in a tremendous number of systems. WordPerfect Presentations is designed to take advantage of that fact, both by accepting WordPerfect outlines directly, and because it can interact with the word processor through a bundled copy of WordPerfect Shell, letting you jump back and forth between the programs effortlessly.

Current-generation presentation graphics products tend to follow a common model; there's usually a slide sorter, an outline view taking the visual form of ruled paper, and a single-image editor. WordPerfect Presentations is true to this trend, and mixes in a proprietary interface that in spite of a few quirks and disappointing speed manages to impress. It looks a lot like WordPerfect for Windows (see figure), uses the same type of customizable button bars and drop-down menus, and, we imagine, will be all but indistinguishable from the forthcoming Windows version of the product. What's quirky? File management under WordPerfect Presentations is difficult even if you are familiar with the function key arrangements common to WordPerfect's software titles, and in a product that includes as many sample files and as much clip art as this one does, that's hard to overlook.

You'll want to run WordPerfect Presentations on a fast machine we were disappointed in its performance when run on a 386DX-20 with a 3.5 megabyte disk cache and you'll need plenty of room for it (16 MB for a full installation, and at least 7 MB in any event), but if those numbers don't deter you and you fit the DOS-user with WordPerfect profile we've been developing, WordPerfect Presentations is truly an excellent choice. It uses several different types of fonts (and ships with a respectable collection

of both PostScript and Bitstream scalable fonts) handles both bit-mapped and line-based art with aplomb, and recognizes the graphics and data files of many popular programs. Drawing capabilities are impressive, charting is even better, and although WordPerfect Presentations' ability to contour text to fit the shape of other objects isn't on a par with products like Corel Draw!, it's quite good. You don't even need to be too worried about mistakes, because WordPerfect Presentations includes full-session incremental undo. You can create chalkboard-enabled runtime versions of your work, transition effect junkies should be sated, and around sixty high-quality slide show masters are included.

If WordPerfect Presentations has any real faults, they lie less in the abilities of the program than in how much this assortment of tools can do in the hands of an expert; that is, while none of these tools are terribly difficult to learn or use, and although the finished results will do you proud in almost any circle, the package as a whole is difficult to master. For example, the bundled copy of the popular PC-Kwik disk cache is all but mandatory for decent performance, but there's nothing to make that clear to people without a clear understanding of how disk caches work. Documentation for most program features is copious, and there's a lengthy workbook-based tutorial, but while the alphabetically-arranged main manual makes it easy to get on the path to what you're looking for, that trail tends to meander through too many see preferences. Internally, WordPerfect Presentations handles text a bit strangely relative to other products of the genre, and while it can share resources with WordPerfect, you'll be hard pressed to figure out what this means.

If this article seems a little disjointed, it's no accident. WordPerfect Presentations is a fine product, but figuring out just what to make of it is hard. We will say this: if you've grown tired of Harvard Graphics or Freelance Plus, and are adamant about staying in DOS, WordPerfect Presentations should be your next all-purpose graphics program. No, it doesn't provide such niceties as multi-path presentations, or the ability to generate handouts, but for quick graphic presentation creation and assembly, no DOS-based software will beat it. And remember, the Windows version is on the way.

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USERS ASK: "WILL TURBO 030 EVER SHIP?"
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#: 31492 S17/DMC Publishing
10-Jul-93 11:05:08
Sb: Tiny Turbo
Fm: Richard Gunter 70117,2565
To: DMC Publishing 76004,2246

Nathan:

I'm a little bit at a loss as to what to do next concerning my old order of a Tiny Turbo 030 board. I originally placed the order more than a year ago, by phone, direct to Jim Allen. My credit card was debited for \$304.03, paid to ISD. At this juncture, I don't really know how the money was actually distributed.

On April 27, 1993, I sent Jim a letter requesting that he cancel my order and return the deposit. The letter was delivered and signed for (I'd sent it with a USPS return receipt), but I've received no response, no refund, and certainly no product.

For professional reasons I'm selling my Atari equipment, so I no longer need the product, but I do need the refund. I believe I've been more than patient -- waiting more than a year without complaint. In effect, I've made an interest-free loan of just over \$300 US to somebody, but have no interest in turning that into a charitable donation or a bad debt.

I really do wish all the Atari developers well, and I don't want to bring in the authorities in this matter. I'm running out of options. Can you help?

#: 31504 S17/DMC Publishing
10-Jul-93 23:02:52
Sb: #31492-Tiny Turbo
Fm: Nathan @ DMC Publishing 76004,2246
To: Richard Gunter 70117,2565

All money from all orders placed for TinyTurbo's were all sent to Jim Allen. If you'll recall, he used that money in order to purchase the parts necessary to have the product built. I will check our records on Monday and respond in private email once I verify your statement and issue a refund against your credit card immediately. This is the first that ISD has heard of your request for a refund. In the future you might want to send a private message or pick up the telephone before making a public post in this manner. Of course I can help and will do so on Monday.

Sincerely

Nathan @ DMC

#: 31505 S17/DMC Publishing
10-Jul-93 23:04:22
Sb: #31498-Tiny Turbo
Fm: Nathan @ DMC Publishing 76004,2246
To: Jim Ness 75300,3155

I won't get "burned" Jim. Thanks for your help but I think I can probably handle this now that I am aware of it.

Sincerely

Nathan @ DMC

Item	9549642	93/07/14	23:46
From:	R.STEELE8	Robert J. Steele	
To:	J.MIRANDO1	Joseph A. Mirando	
cc:	ST-REPORT	R.F. Mariano	

Sub: STR SUBSCRIPT/REQUEST FOR INFO

Dear Joseph,

Tonight I downloaded from CompuServe STReport 928 (July 9th) and saw I could sign-up for an e-mail subscription to ST Report. My GENie mail address is R.STEELE8.

As you may know, recently Dave Small had a GENie RT conference. The conference seemed pretty bad with the first two people up asking Dave for money or their stuff.

About half-way through the conference, Jim Allen of FAST Technology asked Dave a question. Dave responded that his attorney advised him not to talk to him publicly since Jim Allen was an expert witness against him regarding chips for SSTs.

I would like to know what that was all about! I own a Spectre GCR and also I have been waiting over a year for my Tiny Turbo 030 from Jim Allen. (I saw in another STReport about Nathan P.'s conflict of interest).

If this was covered in a back issue of STReport, would you know where I could get a copy?

If you could put my name on that FAST Tech waiting list, I'd appreciate it. I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Mariano about not flaming against hard-working ST computer developers when all the facts are not known.

Thanks in advance,

Bob Steele

54924 19-MAY 19:45 General Information
Fast Technology
From: BCHOPICK To: ALL

FAST TECHNOLOGY RIP-OFF!

I would like to let all of you know the troubles I have experienced with FAST TECHNOLOGY. As you know, FAST TECHNOLOGY sells hardware accelerator cards for the ATARI line of computers. In APRIL of 1992 I ordered a TINYTURBO030 for my MEGASTE. The ad claimed 6-8 weeks delivery. I waited

and waited and waited! Of course the check was cashed immediately (APRIL 28th, 1992). I called once a month and every time got the same thing. DELAYS! DELAYS! DELAYS! Finally in March of 1993 I was fed up with the delay nonsense and demanded a refund. Jim Allen said that he was having financial trouble and could not issue a refund 'til the end of the month. I thought nothing of it and figured that since I have waited this long for the product, why not a couple of weeks for a refund. Well. Here we are May 10th (2 months later) and no refund. Calls to FAST TECHNOLOGY only lead to frustration. All you get is an answering machine and no return phone calls. It sure looks to me that JIM ALLEN does not know how to handle a business. And I feel sorry for all the other people he is dragging along the same path. Of course, I have already contacted the Better Business Bureau of Pennsylvania. They said that I would have to fill out some forms and they will get right on it. I am not happy with the situation at all. And for a man who keeps such a high profile in the ATARI COMMUNITY, it is pathetic!

Robert A. Chopick

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Editor:

The most important point to remember is the damage such inflammatory posts can cause. As Jim Allen of FAST TECH states;

"I remember, a few months back, when a user.. not even a customer.. came into the Fast Technology topic, and chastised me and complained that people were waiting for Tinys. At that point, 12 people cancelled their orders, and I refunded their orders, and it cleaned out my remaining cash reserves."

Folks, this is exactly how it occurs. The mere fact that mention is made of possible problems can cause a "run on the company." This can possibly cause all sorts of problems. But then, in this marketplace this is nothing new. A number of companies have suffered serious setbacks because of these occurrences. Both instigated and spontaneous. There is no need to name them as they've already had their time in the "Spotlight" of public scrutiny.

When companies operate on shoestrings, usually they're on the "brink." The number of individuals affected by these occurrences can vary from 20 to 2000 or more. In the case of high dollar amounts being involved, many individuals are reluctant to go public in fear of losing whatever slim chance they have at recovering their funds or gaining satisfaction. This type of incident is debilitating to the entire marketplace as it erodes consumer confidence. Especially when it becomes common knowledge that certain of the participants who've been critical of other companies and have instigated their public embarrassment are themselves involved in similar practices.

The next most severe incident is to find other, reportedly upstanding companies doing others a "good turn" by allowing their electronic credit card terminals to be used to post the sales of another totally separate

business. This is a very serious offense in the eyes of the Credit Card Industry and as a matter of fact clearly prohibited in each and every terminal agreement executed.

Of course, the 'crafty and shrewd' types can always get around this type of thing with cute "business arrangements". These maneuvers can however, backfire seriously if one or the other 'business' fails to deliver. The resulting credit card consumer complaints will result in "charge backs" (Credits applied to the consumer's charge accounts).

It is the wise and prudent consumer who, upon discovering there are problems with delivery of a prepaid order, immediately requests a refund and credit to his credit card account. Then, if the business in question is, at some future date, capable of delivering said product and if the consumer still desires said product, it can be re-ordered on a payment upon delivery arrangement.

The electronic banking services will drop the charging merchant's credit card acceptance privileges because of too many "charge-backs" (customer refund requests). Not to mention the problems that can arise when the charges to customer credit cards are made through other merchant account terminals than that of the actual seller. These problems can all pop up at once when public complaints are made to the bank where the credit card was issued.

The electronic banking services can spot a problem long before it becomes a public spectacle. They will act immediately if certain elements and/or all clauses of the merchant agreement are not being followed as outlined in the agreement. Especially the clause prohibiting the posting of sales for another merchant on a contract terminal unless of course, its previously agreed upon. All it takes is one customer complaint in this type case. It is a breach of contract and can cause immediate cancellation of the accepting/charging merchant's terminal access privilege.

Its really smart to use either email or all the patience one can possibly muster in these situations as its in the best interests of all other involved parties to do so. It'll give the merchant the much needed additional time to satisfy his outstanding orders, while at the same time allowing the merchant to continue doing business thus, helping the already meager cash flow in this very slow marketplace.

It makes absolutely no sense to try forcing the merchant(s) out of business by making a "loud public outcry or spectacle" of the situation. Although, in recent months this seems to have been the unsavory and despicable case. As a result, some will be satisfied and others well.. they'll be satisfied but it will take more time than originally anticipated.

Hopefully, these matters will be dealt with swiftly and to everyone's satisfaction. The only recognizable problem noticed at this time, is the viability of third party products designed and ordered over a year ago. Perhaps a systematic approach to refunding those users who ordered and prepaid for product as opposed to trying to fulfill the "original" orders would be the "right thing to do".

The Users who posted the messages above concerning their prepaid orders have every right to be concerned. But at the same time, due to the slow marketplace and sluggish economy, reasonable delays should be expected and tolerated. STReport acknowledges the fact they've been more than patient and should have at least been given a return call or two. It seems

STReport:

OK, if those are your only ground rules its fine with me.

Lexicor's Seiler:

That's it. OK?

STReport:

Sure. Have you read the IAAD's answer Lexicor's open letter and STR's first interview?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Yes I have.

STReport:

What is your response?

Lexicor's Seiler:

I think if you read the IAAD statement for content you will see that the response confirms what I have said, that the IAAD, conducted their "so called" investigation in secret, that they did not have any proof that I had done anything wrong. The response clearly admits this very fact. As I recall, the response mentions something to the effect that "they heard" there was a copy and a copy of the copy of "so called evidence" in the hands of non IAAD members and that this was the proof that I had passed out access to the IAAD violating the rules and requiring expulsion.

STReport:

Do you now believe the Videotape mentioned is the sole evidence used against you?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No, their belief that the tape was access is what they claim was their proof. I get the impression from the response that no one at the deliberations actually ever saw the tape mentioned. So they had to have something else.

STReport:

In other words, you think they came to a determination based on speculation as to the content of the tape and possibly some preconceived agenda?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Something like that.

STReport:

I must ask did you actually make such a Videotape?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No!

STReport: -----

Are you saying you never made any Video tape?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No.

STReport:

You want to explain?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Sure, what I did was make a video record of an online session with genie using my computer and genlock. The purpose was to show in a way which was irrefutable that I was being honest about the flag not appearing when entering Page 475. The purpose was not to give anyone access to any confidential Lexicor information.

STReport:

What do you mean Confidential Lexicor information?

Lexicor's Seiler:

I mean that Lexicor has it's own private beta test area not open to the public or the IAAD. This is were the most secret of secret new software is tested by Lexicor authorized beta testers. Under no circumstances would I ever expose that area to any one out side of Lexicor. It would breach my contracts with my authors and compromise the very future of Lexicor.

STReport:

Well if that is so then why would you leave the login information on the video tape, if you sent the tape to Mr. Luks and Mr. Brodie, they would have access to your accounts.

Lexicor's Seiler:

In the First place, if I had edited the master video tape, then that would defeat the whole point of the tape, with out the account number, etc the tape would not show the viewer every thing I see when I login to Genie. After I made the tapes and before I even removed the video tape from the VCR I changed the PASSWORDS back to the real ones.

STReport:

In other words you changed the pass words to protect your self from any unauthorized access to your own accounts.

Lexicor's Seiler:

Yes that correct.

STReport:

You are saying then that know one out side your self could have possibly access your accounts using the video tape information.

Lexicor's Seiler:

That was the whole point of changing them in the first place.

STReport:

What about the issue of your refusal to cooperate with the IAAD by refusing to answer mail?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Not true, I sent a letter to the president of the IAAD, in which I explained that I had made a video tape, the reasons for the videotape and offered a copy if desired to the President of the IAAD. I also responded to the IAAD through Mr. Cole who's job it is to take care of such matters. As far as I am concerned, the IAAD did not request a video tape that proved I was being honest about the flag problem. The tape in and of it's self proves nothing more. All the IAAD had to do was ask me for a copy or ask if the account information shown on the tape was valid at the time the tapes were sent out. The reason they did not respond to Mr. Cole's request for information, and the reason they did not ask for a copy of the tape is obvious.

STReport:

Would you be willing to make a copy available now?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No

STReport:

Why not?

Lexicor's Seiler:

They have made it clear that under no circumstances will they change their minds, no matter what the truth is. In addition why should I disclose any information to a group that has expelled Lexicor with out any semblance of a fair hearing. They had made up their minds they just need

some excuse to take action.

STReport:

What about some of the other issues raised in the IAAD response to your open letter?

Lexicor's Seiler:

It's as simple as one can imagine, The only issue of any merit is: first.... did I do anything remotely approaching what I was accused of? Next:..... on what basis did the IAAD make their findings. How sincere was their efforts to collect evidence, and what efforts were made to prove the evidence? By their own admission they don't seem to have had any actual Video tape I sent out. This means that their decisions were made based on, at best, speculations as to the content and intent of the videotape, and at worst on what some one told them was on a copy of a tape claimed to have been sent out by me.

STReport:

You made a comment earlier that I would like to go back to, you said "irrefutable" record of your login? What did you mean?

Lexicor's Seiler:

I understood that a Flash capture of a session was not proof that my flags were not present. I understood clearly that the offer of any such proof was not valid because I could have altered the content of the capture with flash or any text editor.

STReport:

You mean your were accused of submitting doctored proof that your flags were not present?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Something along those lines.

STReport:

So if you had been able to use a simple download capture, you would never have had to make the Video tape is that correct?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Yes, that's right.

STReport:

I would like you to comment about some of the specific counter charges in the IAAD response if you would please?

Lexicor's Seiler:

I don't think doing that serves any useful end, It could easily be twisted into personal attacks against one or more IAAD members. Because the whole matter was conducted in secret there is no honest way for me to respond. The fact of the matter is that the whole situation revolves around the issue of credibility. if you go back a bit and follow some recent events you can see what I mean.

STReport:

Could you possibly state a "for instance or two"?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Yes I can, Lets start with the circumstance in which I had been mentioning GEMview as a product I was supporting. At the time I already concluded a deal with the Author, who was paid money up front. I had offered to pay the Author up front for every copy I made in advance. The product was shareware so if the user wanted to register with Lexicor he could or direct with the author, in any case the author would no longer see his program being used with out being paid by the users. At least not those I dealt with. Then suddenly I get shut down because another company claimed it had an "Exclusive" distribution deal.

Comments were posted that made it appear that I did not have any right at all to be offering a shareware program to any one. Now the issue became who was telling the truth. Lexicor posted direct E-Mail of our deal in the original language, then after a series of back and forth claims and a demand for production of Lexicor documents, which Lexicor refused of course, the issue was settled by a sysop based on a private message from the author. But then again there were letters from the author that pre-dated and post dated a private E-Mail message used by the sysop to permanently close the lexicor Gemview area with an admonition that any further reference to Gemview in the Lexicor area would be removed. This private E-mail did not match the E-mail letters from the author (which included request for public posting) finally Lexicor had to post the full text of a message the author asked be posted on Genie and on CIS.

This is because that never posted on Genie after two attempts were made to do just that. The impression left in the general public was that the original claim of Exclusive distribution rights was still a valid claim. The fact is that this claim was never true, Lexicor never received any modification to it's original arrangements. Yet even though all parties received the same E-mail Lexicor was forced to post on CIS, no post from the other company was ever made retracting the "Exclusive" claim? The whole situation could be considered an effort to embarrass Lexicor and cast doubts on Lexicor Credibility. In the end Lexicor had no alternative but to simply follow the generally accepted rules of share ware. This of course hurt the author because now he only gets the fees that users voluntarily send in. Lexicor expects to ship 500 to a 1000 copies to it's vast user base, at \$20 a copy that could have reasonable return on all the effort the Author put into GEMview.

STReport:

You mean that you have changed your mind about the prepayments?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No we haven't changed our minds at all, but in light of the last post in which the author has passed collection of registration fees to the other company we felt prepayment from us would not be appropriate.

STReport:

Are there any other examples you'd care to share?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Lets see more recently, Lexicor announced that there was a 15bit support for calamus on the NOVA card. I understand that this word processor from DMC does not run on the Falcon because it is 16bit. At present Lexicor's foreign distributor was challenged on this announcement. My information is that the announcement is correct and straight from the NOVA manufacture, who will be releasing it to us in person later this month when Mr. Siu visits them in Europe. Here again it seems to me that instead of just normal exchange of information, it is always a case of Lexicor in it's current expansion is challenged on every front. Attacked by the same individuals, who just happen to be competitors, Genie sysops, exclusive distributors for competitors.

STReport:

Who are you referring to?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Just read the post, the answer is self evident.

STReport:

I understand what you are saying but that brings another question to mind. I can see why you might send one of your video tapes to a third party like Mr. Luks for expert advice? But more importantly, why send a copy to Mr. Brodie at Atari?

Lexicor's Seiler:

My credibility at Atari is very important to them given the current circumstances.

STReport:

You mean because of the dispute with the Genie Sysop and the IAAD? Along with Atari's Co-contractor agreement with the GENie sysop?

Lexicor's Seiler:

No!

STReport:

NO????,what then?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Atari needs very much for my credibility to be accepted because I have been subpoenaed and deposed as a witness in an upcoming trial Atari is defending. I sent the video tape so that Mr. Brodie could see for himself that my then current claims about the Flag problems were truthful, and to provide prior material just in case my credibility was challenged on that basis in court by Atari's opponents. In other words, if he had a copy of a tape I had the original of then Atari could easily establish that I was truthful about the flags at the time and could still be believed about the issues that applied in the trial situation.

STReport:

Are you now stating the Video tape had no relationship to the IAAD matter?

Lexicor's Seiler:

Right, the tape contents shows that I have the ability to make the tape and I had notified the president of the IAAD, a professional group I then belonged too, that the problem with genie was not just an angry response to the gemview problem. The tape was sent long before the IAAD indictment and shows that the IAAD was fully informed about the flag problem, knew about the video tape all along.

STReport:

Therefore the interpretations by the IAAD of what they were told about the tape and its contents are, in your mind, wrong.

Lexicor's Seiler:

Certainly....are you surprised by this? With out the original and with out asking any questions, how would they know any thing about it?...other than my letter to the IAAD president. That and the lack of any proof that any one what ever had any access to account information, is what I have been stating all along. ..it's not the content of the tape that is germane, it is that I was able to make the record and that I could back up my claims.

STReport: What do you think about all the furor surrounding this issue.

Lexicor's Seiler:

If you mean the unfairness of Lexicor treatment at the hands of the IAAD? I think that the general perception is quite self evident. The general criticisms of the IAAD are what they are. I have already said what I have to on that issue. I seriously doubt that you will ever see even the slightest admission of error from the IAAD. Here again the reasons are self evident and all too obvious.

interest?

appropriate.

Any closing comments?

and more 24 bit applications available. As of now Mr. Siu will be returning to Europe in a few weeks to preview some new and exciting software now being reviewed for US release. In addition Lexicor at this years SIGGRAPH on the Silicon Graphics-Craphics work station. With lexicor releasing SGI applications in mid to late fall, and if all goes well ports of these same applications to the SUN platform beginning in the spring of 1994. This depends a bit on the Support of X-GL and OSMotif by SUN.

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Sunday July 25, 1993 Noon - 5pm

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This year's show dates also coincide with Asheville's annual Bele Chere street festival, when downtown Asheville is closed to vehicular traffic and becomes what must be one of the largest street fairs in the country. Westgate Shopping Center is one of the primary Park-and-Ride shuttle centers for transporting people to and from downtown, and we've arranged to have the shuttle service pick up at the front entrance of the mall and drop off at the rear entrance, so everyone taking the service from Westgate WILL walk through the AtariFest exhibition area sometime during the day. This will be a great opportunity to showcase Atari and Atari related software and peripherals, and introduce them to people who aren't already Atari owners. Bringing in NEW blood is the key to the growth of this platform, and this will be our opportunity to begin that process with a captive audience.

Additional discussions of the show, as well as confirmations of your participation, are welcome in GENieMail and in the Blue Ridge AtariFest topic 13 in Category 11 here on GENie.

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A more complete listing of Bed & Breakfasts can be obtained through the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations should be made immediately, as July is the height of our tourist season.

===== CAMP GROUNDS =====

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Showtimes are 10am - 6pm on Saturday, and noon-5pm on Sunday. Seminar sessions will be scheduled throughout the show.

Since this year's show coincides with Asheville's annual Bele Chere Street Festival, we are not having a Saturday evening banquet, but are instead encouraging guests to hop the shuttle bus at the front entrance of the mall and spend Saturday evening downtown enjoying the outdoor festivities (live entertainment, food booths of all types, dancing, etc.).

Advance registration is only \$3; or \$4 at the door. Additional information about the show and Asheville's Bele Chere festival will be mailed to all who pre-register in advance. Door prize winners will also be selected from registered guests (you need not be present at the time of the drawing to win). Advance registration checks should be made out to "COMPUTER STUDIO" and mailed to:

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Westgate Shopping Center

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Asheville, NC 28806

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40 Westgate Parkway - Suite D
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THE NOVA GRAPHICS CARD
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Hi

It's me again Yat Siu from Lexicor Software Europe. I have a wonderful announcement to make!

Lexicor Software is glad to announce that they have acquired distribution rights to the NOVA Card. The Nova Card comes in essentially 5 different versions. Lexicor Software Products that run on the NOVA Card are:

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Utility Disk (?) I haven't checked all the utilities but nearly ALL appear to work. And since it has an own VDI Driver, most Atari Applications that are written cleanly should work just fine. Now to the availability and the prices, Lexicor users get a special price as I understand and for those who buy our Software bundled, they too will get a special price. I have listed them into Lexicor and Non Lexicor and listed the price respectively below. I hope the formatting works now! :)

Type of NOVA Card Description of CARD:	Prices: LEXICOR User	Prices: NON-LEXICOR
NOVA Mega 32K 32,768 Colors for any Mega ST BUS	300 U\$D	360 U\$D
Nova Mega 16M 16,7 Million Colors for your Mega ST BUS	400 U\$D	490 U\$D
Nova VME 32K 32,768 Colors for any Mega STE or TT VME	429 U\$D	560 U\$D
Nova VME 16M 16,7 Million Colors for any Mega STE or TT VME	529 U\$D	699 U\$D
Super NOVA Excellence and brilliance! Requires a VME Bus Mega STE or TT	999 U\$D	1199 U\$D

If you own an ST or a regular STE (eg.1040, 520) then with a special adaptor you can connect the Mega BUS versions on your ST, STE. Price of the adaptor however is to date not known.

Transport is not included, add another 30-40 dollars depending on how quick you wish to have a delivery.

Prices are Subject to possible change but unlikely.

To the specs of the Card now: All the NOVA Cards, 16M, 32k VME or Mega BUS have this in common:

1.Max Pixeltakt: 90 Mhz

2.Video RAM	1 Megabyte
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3.Ramtype	DRAM
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4.Has Virtual Resolutions

5. Automatic Rez Switch

6.Upgrade Possibility

7.VDI for its Colors (16M have 24bit VDI, 32k have 32K VDI)

8.All have a Videomode Generator

9.All go up to 1024*768 in 72Hz in 2/16/256 Colors

The Max rez in 16,7 Million colors for the 16M VME is 640*480 and the MegaBUS is 640*400. The Max rez for BUS version is 1024*768 and for VME version is 1088*832 at 70 Hz. The Max rez at 32k colors for BUS version is 768*512 and VME version is 800*600.

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This is a very, very fine card and is to my knowledge the cheapest available Graphics Card for your Atari. The Crazy Dots which we so promoted before is still a fine card, but proved to be less compatible than the NOVA making for Lexicor Software the NOVA Card be the preferred choice.

Please, as this is a service of Lexicor Europe which needs to import and may run out of stock, consider a maximum delivery time of 6 weeks, depending on your preferred choice of delivery (Ground, Air, UPS or FEDEX?!).

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THE IAAD "RESPONSE" TO LEXICOR'S OPEN LETTER AND INTERVIEW....

07/12/93

To Whom It May Concern:

This past week, Lee Seiler of Lexicor posted a message on CompuServe concerning his company's expulsion from the IAAD. That message was repeated in this weekend's issue of ST Report along with an interview with Mr. Seiler and an editorial on the same subject by the publisher, Ralph Mariano.

"Is this the sort of thing Atari needs in the public spotlight at this time?" Mr. Mariano asks in that editorial. Certainly, the IAAD does not think so, and we would never have embarrassed Mr. Seiler with a public discussion of his situation if his post and interview had not demanded a public response. Mr. Mariano continues: "The time has come to 'clear the air' and bring an end to the innuendo, claims and counter claims." We agree.

All applicants to the IAAD sign a vow of confidentiality upon admittance to the organization. The private nature of our posts allows us to be candid about our opinions, the conditions of our companies, our visions of the future. It allows us to test out ideas on an audience of peers. It establishes a bond of trust between members which can lead to cooperative projects, exchanges of technology, etc. even between direct competitors. Some of our discussion involves matters covered under our non-disclosure agreements as registered Atari developers, and thus we have an obligation -- not only to each other, but also to Atari -- to keep these exchanges confidential. Lee Seiler of Lexicor has signed a pledge of confidentiality.

As Mr. Seiler indicated in the STR interview, the IAAD had experienced a breach of confidentiality in early May when John Cole of Lexicor sent a letter to an Atari employee which related the content of one of my own confidential messages. Lee Seiler subsequently held a lengthy phone conversation with the same Atari employee, who later reported to us that he had learned more about our private posts during this conversation. Our bylaws would have allowed Lexicor's expulsion on the basis of the letter or phone call alone, but the Board was not willing to take such drastic action, and no charges were brought against either member. Instead, I posted openly in the IAAD Category concerning these violations and asked Lee Seiler and John Cole to respond, which they both eventually did. The Board was satisfied with Mr. Cole's response and no further action was deemed necessary.

Our openness about this situation had an unexpected result. That very weekend, ST Report reported that the IAAD had "dropped" Lexicor. This was, of course, inaccurate, and so I issued a correction. I assumed that the matter had been resolved.

Then, in late June, yet another instance alleging a violation of confidentiality came to the Board's attention. Lee Seiler of Lexicor was immediately sent the following letter (John Cole and John Stanford were copied on the letter):

Dear Lee,

In accordance with our bylaws, a Charge of Violation has been

brought against you by two members of the IAAD. The Charge alleges that you have distributed your logon and password to a person who is not a member of our organization. This is a serious allegation; if it is proven founded, your company could lose membership in the IAAD.

Because the Charge involves your GENie account, your access to the IAAD's private Category has been temporarily denied pending the completion of an investigation by the Board of the IAAD. The Board's paramount obligation in this matter is to protect the confidentiality of our members' messages.

If you wish to respond to the Charge, please reply to PERMIT\$ via GEMail. You will be informed of the outcome of the Board's investigation when it has been completed.

Sincerely,

Dorothy
D.A. Brumleve, President
Independent Association of Atari Developers

In the STReport interview, Mr. Seiler is quoted as saying: "We were never given an opportunity to defend against the charges..." However, as my letter above indicates, Mr. Seiler was indeed encouraged to respond to the charges, by sending a letter to the PERMIT\$ account (a direct link to the Board of the IAAD).

In the interview, Mr. Mariano asks Lee Seiler if he had asked to be heard on the charges. He responds: "Well I did not, but only because Mr. Cole was/is responsible for all Atari related matters. Since this was an obvious Atari matter I instructed him to take care of the problem."

John Cole did indeed write a brief letter to PERMIT\$, but Mr. Cole was not charged with any violation and had no first-hand knowledge of the matter. Mr. Cole explained in this letter that he could not respond on Mr. Seiler's behalf, saying: "I cannot answer for Lee on this, since all I can say is that I have not allowed anyone access to any of Lexicor's passwords or account #'s. I will relay this by phone to Lee for his attention."

In Mr. Seiler's post on CIS, he writes: "As far as we can determine, we were summarily charged, suspended, then executed and removed from the IAAD, excluding from this process the most important people, the defendant, Lexicor Software." But it is not the IAAD who excluded Mr. Seiler from the process; it was, in fact, his own choice...

Instead of writing to PERMIT\$, Mr. Seiler responded to my letter by sending me a personal letter. He stated in that letter that I should not share it with the Board. He also stated very clearly that he would not attempt to defend himself.

Since Mr. Seiler had no intention of mounting a defense, the Board saw no need to risk another incident of botched reporting of our proceedings in online magazines by revealing further details of the evidence against him. Per Mr. Seiler's instructions, I did not share his letter with the Board, so the Board had to make a decision regarding this matter on the basis of the physical evidence alone.

That evidence was a videotape purportedly made by Mr. Seiler. It came to

us from a non-IAAD member who reported that he had received it in the mail and that he'd also discussed the tape with another non-member who had likewise received a copy. In the videotape, the LEXICOR account logs on to GENie and composes a letter to me. I actually had received this exact same letter from the LEXICOR account, signed "Lee", on May 25, 1993. The letter even states that the session is being videotaped. There were also some public exchanges on CIS about this same videotape. We therefore have very good reason to believe that the videotape is not a forgery, but rather a recording of a genuine online session.

The videotape contains LEXICOR's account number and password.

On the basis of this evidence, the Board voted unanimously to discontinue Lexicor's membership in the IAAD. We notified Lee Seiler with the following message:

As you are aware, a Charge of Violation has alleged that you distributed your logon and password to non-members. The Board of Directors of the IAAD has determined that this Charge is founded. Today, the Board has voted unanimously to expel Lexicor from the IAAD. It would be unconscionable to place John Cole and John Stanford in a position in which they must keep professional secrets from you. Therefore, all three Lexicor accounts have been permanently barred from our organization.

Sincerely,

D.A. Brumleve
President, IAAD

In his post on CIS, Mr. Seiler states: "We have not been informed of any limitations to our 'expulsion' from the IAAD, whether there is a time limit or if it is permanent." I don't think the Board can make itself any clearer on this point than it has in the letter above.

Mr. Seiler did not request any further clarification upon receipt of this letter.

Membership in the IAAD is a privilege. It can be a great benefit to individual members, but it is not an essential right; there are, in fact, plenty of developers who have been successful in this marketplace without participating in our organization. Admittance decisions are easy, but expulsion decisions are not taken lightly. A charge of violating confidentiality is most troubling to all involved. We deeply regret losing the insightful participation of John Cole and John Stanford as a result of Mr. Seiler's actions. We will miss them a great deal. No one can be happy with an outcome of this kind, and we most certainly are not; at the same time, we do stand by our decision.

Our Board is made up of very distinct personalities with very diverse opinions. I would like to make it clear that all decisions in regard to the handling of this matter, including the publication of this letter, have been unanimous.

Sincerely,

D.A. Brumleve, President
Independent Association of Atari Developers

- a) - Who.... are the people who see anything sent to this address on GENie? Aren't ALL GENie sysops in the STRT also able to view any mail sent to this GENie address? If so, why then should Lexicor send their defensive statements to this address and expect fair treatment?
- b) - Did the IAAD (Its board of Directors) actually view this tape recording or did they rely upon hearsay? If it was hearsay, how can anyone possibly have faith in anything further the IAAD has to say or do?
- c) - Why is the IAAD so secretive? Name Lexicor's accusers and judges. Let the rest of the Atari community know who is actually involved and to what extent. After all, if "knowing your accusers" is good enough for the USA, it should be good enough for the IAAD. Besides, its a Constitutional Right in the USA. If foreign "developers" wish to do business in the USA, they should abide by our laws.
- d) - Nathan Potechin of ISD/DMC, Darlah's Husband and admittedly on the Board of Directors of the IAAD; Did he or did he not "sit in judgement of Lexicor" and if so, why didn't he voluntarily abstain from participating in the proceedings since he is in direct competition with Lexicor? After all, this too could possibly constitute a further escalation of the "Conflict of Interest" charges already levied.

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--User Group Support--

The first task ATARI UNITED! faces is the creation of a single,

comprehensive database of all Atari TOS computer owners, vendors and developers. A progressively more aggressive outreach campaign will begin with contacting every known Atari User Group in the USA and soliciting their members to register with ATARI UNITED!. From that foundation, ATARI UNITED! will work with those user groups to build their memberships through the use of inexpensive advertising and marketing techniques. That relationship between ATARI UNITED! and the user groups will be developed into a basic network for the two-way flow of information and news. The Atari User Groups have always been a rich source of expertise and talent, and ATARI UNITED! wants to insure that such a resource is maintained.

--Confidentiality Assured--

As the database grows, ATARI UNITED! will offer its information to the developer and vendor communities for use in better reaching the user community. That information will, however, not be sold. The confidentiality of the user community will not be compromised by allowing the data to leave the direct control of ATARI UNITED!. Vendors and developers will be required to provide ATARI UNITED! with pre stamped mailing materials. ATARI UNITED! will then affix the specified labels and mail them. Additionally, when an Atari TOS computer owner registers with ATARI UNITED!, they will have the option of having their information withheld from any external marketing efforts.

--Disk Magazine Planned--

ATARI UNITED! plans to issue a quarterly disk-based magazine, with press releases, program reviews and previews, program demos and as much other information as will fit on the disk. Individuals who wish to receive the disk magazine will be charged a minimal subscription fee. As the Atari market grows in response to wider distribution of the Atari Falcon030, it is expected that future issues of the disk magazine will occasionally be multi-disk issues.

--Future Expansion--

Other projects for ATARI UNITED! are in the discussion stages, but future plans may possibly include the establishment of a User Feedback service, where members will be given an opportunity to provide feedback to companies in the Atari community by participating in nationwide surveys. In addition, ATARI UNITED! is investigating a 24 hour hotline for members interested in locating users groups, dealers, developers or even other individual users in any specific area of the country.

--Focus--

The overall focus for ATARI UNITED! will be to locate and bring support to the isolated owner, and to build a network for the mutual support of Atari user groups across the USA. ATARI UNITED! intends to have the ability to provide Atari Corporation, Atari dealers and Atari developers with solid information about Atari users, to help them better meet the needs of the the Atari community.

Atari TOS computer owners who wish to register individually with ATARI UNITED! may do so by contacting their local user group, or by sending the following information to:

ATARI UNITED!
P.O. Box 691

Mountain View, CA 94042-0691

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Messages from Delphi about the Lexicor/Nathan/IAAD matter

56856 9-JUL 21:42 CPU/STR Newswire
Lexicor saga
From: DPJ To: ALL

I must admit that although I'm really not surprised to read it, I am shocked to learn of the alleged expulsion of Lexicor Software from the IAAD. What is going on in today's Atari market when developers and

major supporter are attacking and "punishing" each other?? Obviously, there is more to this story than we've seen so far online and in STReport. But, to accuse, try, convict, and hang someone without "due process" seems more like McCarthyism than the U.S. in the 1990's!

It appears that Lexicor was expelled for supplying someone with the Lexicor password to access GENie, and specifically the private IAAD area. Maybe it's just me, but if someone wanted to see what was going on in the IAAD area on GENie, an IAAD member could have just as easily have supplied a capture rather than give out access.

It "appears" to me, as came out in the Seiler interview, that this is more a business/political expulsion than anything. With the ongoing problems involving certain parties on GENie (and involved with the IAAD) with Lexicor; this seems to be a continuation/acceleration of those problems and a seemingly foolish resolution - an unfair one at that.

I, for one, want to learn more of this and I feel that IAAD representatives who were involved in this decision process make the facts public. I believe that the userbase has a right to know why these things are occurring. Is Lexicor being scapegoated? Have they committed transgressions? What is going on here?

Dorothy, as president of the IAAD, can you provide some answers for us?

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine
(sadly disturbed by apparent lynch-mob acts)

56880 10-JUL 01:14 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56856)
From: NORMW To: DPJ

The IAAD does not "gang up" on another Atari developer. You have my word that what was done was for good and solid reasons, and that's all you are entitled to know. Sorry, Dana, but you are making wild accusations based solely on what one person has said to you.

Norm

56888 10-JUL 10:12 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56880)
From: DPJ To: NORMW

I would hope that what you've said is true, Norm, as far as "ganging up"; I don't think that the IAAD did that as it sounds. I'm not sure what "good and solid reasons" signifies, but it does sound as if Lexicor has no clue. I'm basing my opinions on the open letter written by Seiler, and the interview in STReport. I have not talked with anyone about this, if you're implying that I've talked solely with Ralph. I do have some thoughts on the matter, but without anything solid, they'll remain just thoughts. I do, however, think that the Atari public does have a right to know about this matter.

56916 11-JUL 01:45 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56888)
From: NORMW To: DPJ

No, Dana, my implication was that you had only spoken with Lee. I assume that Ralph's information would have also come from Lee.

Norm

56936 11-JUL 12:56 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56916)
From: DPJ To: NORMW

Nope, I've spoken to no one about this up until now. I did talk briefly with Ralph this morning (he called to see if I had melted yet!), but really didn't discuss any specifics, just generalized stuff.

But, to try and continue this conversation, let me preface my opinions with the fact that I am not a personally big fan of Lee Seiler, the person. I don't know him, but I was raked over the coals quite a bit some months ago on another network because of his problems with ABCO. In my attempts to help smooth things over, I was accused of many things. So, there is absolutely nothing in this current matter that affects me personally - I have no reason to support him other than I feel an Atari developer is being dealt a raw deal.

I admit to not knowing all of the facts; in fact, I just know Lee's side of it. But, there seems to be a lot of smoke being released meaning that there's fire. Isn't it ironic that a few weeks ago we reported Lexicor's expulsion from the IAAD, and now it's happened? Perhaps the "groundwork" for this was "laid" those few weeks ago and finally came about.

My opinion is that there was/is a major problem between two IAAD members (or more). It also appears that Lexicor is/was taking quite a bit of heat for publicly voicing opinions about this problem on the onlines (and subsequently reported in STReport). Could this possibly be a "violation" of IAAD "conduct" rules and Lexicor ultimately booted because of it? It sounds to me that Lee and possibly others at Lexicor are standing up for what he/they believe in and being punished because of it. If I'm even partially correct in my assumption, I think this stinks. I'll repeat my earlier opinion: we don't need to see Atari developers involved in these kinds of problems, especially among themselves. The market is bad enough; we can't afford to lose support people through "in-house" fighting!

56941 11-JUL 14:08 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56936)
From: BRYEDEWAARD To: DPJ

I can agree with one thing.. Atari can't afford to lose Lexicor's support, and maybe the IAAD takes itself a little too seriously, but, like everyone else, I don't know the details. I hope this won't affect future offerings

from them. (And I guess STR gets credit for figuring out that there were problems a while ago! :)).

-Bry

56961 11-JUL 18:51 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56950)
From: CMILLAR To: DPJ

While this is certainly an "interesting" situation, I really don't foresee Lexicor dropping Atari support. Even if the IAAD were to "black-ball" Lexicor, which I highly doubt would happen, Lexicor remains too important to Atari.

It doesn't take much effort to see that Lexicor and Atari have apparently worked together very closely for some time. Thus, they will most likely always have Atari's support.

Whether this has an adverse effect on the IAAD or its members remains to be seen. In the meantime, while the situation is somewhat un-nerving, I hardly feel that it is something to worry about all too much.

- Chris

56971 11-JUL 21:32 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56961)
From: DPJ To: CMILLAR

How can you possibly say that the situation is un-nerving and then in the same breath feel it's nothing to worry about? Are you saying that this is something so insignificant that we should all forget about it? What about the folks at Lexicor? Should they not be concerned? If Lexicor is too important to Atari, why can't the same thing be said about their relationship with the IAAD? Neither Atari, the IAAD, nor Lexicor needs any potential adverse effects from this.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

56983 12-JUL 00:11 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56971)
From: CMILLAR To: DPJ

I say it is un-nerving because it is relatively easy to fantasize about all the potential "bad things" which could occur as a result of what happened. But, because of Lexicor's close ties with Atari, I feel that Lexicor's support of the Atari computer line will not miss a beat.

- Chris

56989 12-JUL 07:51 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56983)
From: RMARIANO To: CMILLAR

Chris;

They said the same things about Word Perfect, Mark Williams C UltraScript, TIMEWORKS etc. sheeesh..... The Lexicor matter is quite serious. It proves many things. As for truth.. one can call truth as such but of course, it depends upon the "source of truth" and what that source's connection into the matter is.

Ralph....

ps; those companies/products mentioned all were involved in controversy of one type or another.... they soon left the platform following their respective incidents.

56992 12-JUL 08:15 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56936)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

You will be pleased to learn that you are not even partially correct Dana. Look for a factual statement from the President of the IAAD shortly.

Nathan @ DMC

56993 12-JUL 08:17 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56950)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

Your earlier story was wrong so naturally it was discredited.

Nathan @ DMC

56999 12-JUL 10:39 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56972)
From: DPJ To: BRYEDEWAARD

Actually, I wasn't looking for a pat on the back for STReport. I was just pointing out that STReport had taken some grief for the earlier story and it turns out that we were indeed correct. I have no idea whether or not Lexicor has "done something" wrong or not. The point is that unless it was something utterly disastrous, I don't think the punishment "fits the crime." I realize that the IAAD has its rules and whatnot, but it appears that this was carried out all too swiftly, without Lexicor's ability to relate their side. I also hope that we'll learn the whole truth soon.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57000 12-JUL 10:42 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56983)
From: DPJ To: CMILLAR

How about Atari's close ties with the IAAD? Is it possible that one set of ties will override the other? Obviously I'm hypothesizing here, but the potential for damage is there.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57001 12-JUL 10:46 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56985)
From: DPJ To: NORMW

I don't mean to put you on the spot, Norm. I realize that you're limited to what you can say by your obligations to the IAAD. It is this obligation which leads me to believe that this is part of this current problem. By Lexicor's standing up for what it believes, and saying so, it may have "helped" lead to their expulsion. If so, I think the expulsion was overkill. Just my opinion...

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57003 12-JUL 10:50 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56992)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING

That's what I'm waiting to see, Nathan. Actually, I wish that I wasn't going to see any statement, from either party. This event doesn't bode well for the Atari market, in any case.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57007 12-JUL 12:45 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57003)
From: DABRUMLEVE To: DPJ

I have uploaded a file (LEX_RESP.LZH) to serve as a correction to this week's coverage in STR of Lexicor's expulsion from the IAAD.

57012 12-JUL 19:07 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57007)
From: DPJ To: DABRUMLEVE

Thank you for posting the IAAD side of this issue, Dot. But please, if you read the "coverage" in this past issue of STReport, you realize that all that was published was a statement by Lexicor and an interview with Lee Seiler. Before I make further comment, I'd like to read the other half. Again, thank you.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57024 12-JUL 20:23 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: IAAD response
From: DPJ To: ALL

After reading both the IAAD response and the message from Ron Luks on CIS, I have to agree with Ron by stating that a more complete account is called for in this. It's my opinion that

this entire situation started because of the "conflict of interest" story STReport reported a few weeks ago. It is also my opinion that Lee Seiler did not violate any rules of confidentiality by his use of a videotape showing his lack of access to GENIE (you know what I mean). It appears that Seiler used a fake password while taping his online session. He sent two tapes to two reputable members of the Atari community: Bob Brodie and Ron Luks. One of them didn't even look at the tape! It seems that Seiler was doing whatever he could to prove to people that his statements about losing his flags, etc. were reality. What better way to do so then to show it?

As to why he hadn't replied in the fashion that the IAAD requested, I'm really not sure. Perhaps he felt that he got nowhere before with his allegations, so why would it help now.

In any case, I seriously feel that nothing confidential was revealed to non-IAAD members. I also feel that not only should the entire story be told, from start to now; and that this expulsion should be rescinded. I also feel that there needs to be a private conversation between Seiler and Dorothy so that Lee can present his entire side of the story, if he hasn't already.

As I mentioned many times earlier, the Atari userbase is small enough already without these kinds of reactions. We need to remain unified on all fronts.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57053 13-JUL 07:25 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 56999)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

I guess you misunderstood the first time. At the time that STReport carried that earlier story that Lexicor was no longer in the IAAD, the story was FALSE! I don't think I can make that any clearer. Please read Dorothy's response.

Nathan @ DMC

57055 13-JUL 07:26 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57000)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

Not to worry, the relationship between Atari and the IAAD has not changed at all.

Nathan @ DMC

57056 13-JUL 07:28 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57001)

From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

You are entitled to your opinion, even when it is wrong Dana. "Lexicor standing up for what it believes"? PLEASE! What ARE you talking about? Read Dorothy's response.

Nathan @ DMC

57057 13-JUL 07:29 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57003)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

I believe you Dana. I'd never accuse you or Ralph of making an issue out of someone else's misery or misfortune.

This event was about Lee Seiler and the IAAD, not about Atari. Please read Dorothy's response.

Nathan @ DMC

57059 13-JUL 07:31 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57007)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DABRUMLEVE

Thanks Dorothy. Between Lee Seiler, last weeks STReport and Dana, a correction was certainly necessary.

Nathan @ DMC

Enter FOLLOW for related Message(s).

57060 13-JUL 07:38 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57059)
From: RMARIANO To: ISDMARKETING

Correction??? Try RESPONSE!

57061 13-JUL 07:50 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: IAAD response (Re: Msg 57023)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

For what its worth...

Of all the messages posted in this string relative to the IAAD expulsion of Lexicor Software, this message is "the one" Nathan felt compelled to prohibit from reprinting in any way shape or form. As a result, we are forced to resort to paraphrasing this particular message of Nathan's. He may have been "ashamed" of his behavior. tsk, tsk.

To commence with the proceedings, Nathan starts off by thanking Dana in a cynical manner for having reposted Ron Luks' message from CompuServe. He then goes on to state that he feels its him that Mr. Luks refers to when talking about a competitor of LEXICOR. He then refers to a Cyrel video card as something he offers for sale. Thus, he admits he's in competition

with LEXICOR. However, he makes no mention of the problem item that started all this. GEMview and its arrangements with the German author. This matter then blossomed into the full blown situation at hand with the "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" charges being levied against Nathan and Darlah of the now infamous "Nathan & Darlah Show" on genie in the STRT. He then states that he's been on the board of the IAAD since it was founded. But then.. does that really matter?

At this point the perceived tone turns rather ugly and snide. Authoritive mention is made of the "slow" message bases in the Atari areas on CIS. (TOTALLY PROVABLY FALSE) He then makes the "learned demographic" representations of which services are more active than others. Disrespectfully dragging in CompuServe, Delphi and of course, genie where his wife is a sysop and contract holder. (HOW VERY CONVENIENT) Needless to say, he states that genie is by far the superior of all services mentioned. (SAID ON DELPHI NO LESS!)

Speaking of bias, Nathan seems to have made sure to accuse Ron Luks of being 'biased' for posting such a message. In an obvious attempt to amplify and support his baseless banter.. he raises a number of questions of whether Luks is "trying to hurt genie?" Or, Nathan himself and then he amazingly jumps, eloquently and totally, from the ridiculous to the sublime. Incredibly, he suggests that it may be possible that Luks is in cahoots with Seiler and STReport??? (A REAL CLASS ACT HERE FOLKS!!)

At this point, Nathan seems to attempt casting Mr. Luks in a position of being more than a sysop (SORTA LIKE THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE NAMES, HOW MANY HATS DOES NATHAN WEAR WHEN NEEDED?). Nathan seems to conveniently forget its him and his wife Darlah, (Both sysops on genie in the STRT, she the co-contract holder with Atari Corp.), against whom the charges of Conflict of Interest have been placed. Nathan blithely calls the "Nathan & Darlah Show" a bogus allegation. Nice to say this but who really believes this. It appears Nathan is the victim of a roaring case of amnesia. There is over fifteen megabytes of captures available to refresh his memory if need be. From categories like 24, 26, 15, and 18. That clearly demonstrate just how "entertaining" the Nathan & Darlah Show really is. Not to mention the ever present clique. All of which can clearly be substantiated by the captures including the message deletions and numbering changes etc..

Hilariously, he stated that STReport doesn't "like" him or Darlah anymore since * she * "had enough" of STReport. ROTFLOL!

Editor Note:

Its really the other way 'round as far as we are concerned, we had had enough of her intervention, manipulation and crude attempts at dictating the content of STReport. We decided enough was enough and resorted to ignoring her, her amateur tactics and the ugly clique she ran. Her ultimate reaction was more than self evident.

Oddly enough he "tries" to say STReport is not available on genie when in fact it is. (So much for truth and accuracy. STReport is sent to 331 users every week in genie Email and... I might add the subscriber list is growing. Oh! almost forgot... she also triumphantly did what she is ever so famous for doing.. she killed the STReport Free Flags for her area. But that happens so often and to so many different people trying to support the Atari platform that one is left to wonder who is really doing the platform more harm; her or, Nathan with his acidic posts and "behind the scenes fanagling.")

Let's see now ah yes we are getting to the close of diatribe from our friend, uh oh... now he's accusing me of being biased. Gee... its sad to see he feels the whole world is biased, he's accused me, Ron luks, Dana, Lee Seiler and a host of others. Isn't there a name for a person who thinks the entire world's population is against him?

Editor Note:

I must apologize for any inaccuracies in this paraphrase of a rather dubious post from Nathan... he refused permission to reprint it. I tried to offer the perception I noted as I read the original message. I must admit I was aghast at the tone. To all the others its much nicer to be able to reprint a message in its entirety as it promotes accuracy and good will.

Thanks.....

57062 13-JUL 07:56 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: IAAD response (Re: Msg 57024)
From: ISDMARKETING To: DPJ

Gee, it is really unfortunate that you and Ralph and Ron Luks and Lee Seiler aren't on the board of the IAAD, then none of this would have happened.

For the record, the expulsion of Lee Seiler from the IAAD had nothing whatsoever to do with the bogus claims of conflict of interest published in ST Report magazine. There was no conflict of interest, plain and simple. There was definitely grounds to expel Lee from the IAAD. He was expelled. End of story.

Sincerely

Nathan @ DMC

57063 13-JUL 07:57 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57033)
From: ISDMARKETING To: SCARPAD (NR)

"Witch Hunt" tactics? What are you referring to please? Have you read Dorothy's response?

Sincerely

Nathan @ DMC

57065 13-JUL 09:19 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57033)
From: DPJ To: SCARPAD (NR)

I agree that Lexicor is a large contributor to the Atari community, Dave. I also agree that the IAAD should reconsider its actions. However, I feel that they

over-reacted rather than call it a "witch hunt". I think "due process" was hastily arrived at rather than give Lexicor plenty of time to respond.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57068 13-JUL 09:30 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57053)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING (NR)

Right, I read Dorothy's response. The first time, Lexicor was not expelled from the IAAD, just temporarily banned from them. At that time, I feel that Lexicor had every right to think they had been expelled, having no access to the IAAD area. The story may have been technically false, but the story between the lines was essentially true. The process leading up to Lexicor's expulsion had started.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57069 13-JUL 09:31 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57055)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING

And Lexicor's relationship with Atari and/or the IAAD?

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57070 13-JUL 09:36 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57056)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING

Why am I wrong, Nathan? Lexicor believes that there is a conflict of interest. Please don't pretend that you don't know that problem still exists. This conflict is the basis for all that has happened to Lexicor. When I stated that "Lexicor standing up for what it believes" I am referring to Lexicor's attempts to prove to impartial people (Bob & Ron) that there were problems with Lexicor's GENie access. The videotape was made to attempt to prove that. The videotape contained a few innocuous messages to show that the tape wasn't "rigged" or whatever{ My opinions stand, like them or not, Nathan.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57071 13-JUL 10:04 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: IAAD response (Re: Msg 57061)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING

Nathan,

You're really showing off your true colors now. Remind me to go back to another earlier message that you accused me of underhandedness; I chose not to reply to that message but now I feel that I shall, along with this one.

I re-posted Ron Luk's message because it was germane to the ongoing discussion here and I thought it brought out some good points. You re-read the message and show me where it contains any biases. Yes, I did so for "altruistic" reasons, to inform the userbase as is my role with STReport.

Let me take a minute to respond to your off-topic nonsense comments. You mentioned that the Atari Forums on CIS are almost non-existent. You must have half the areas turned off because I call every day and have plenty of messages to read! I call both Delphi and CIS at the same time period each day; I can certainly say that there are more messages there than on Delphi. I don't mean to belittle Delphi; it's my preferred online system of choice. The message counts aren't that far off, however, on most days. I can't verify GENie's activity, nor do I really care. I would guess that there are more messages there, however. So, what were Ron's reasons for leaving that message? How about the fact that he was the one that received one of the two tapes that Lexicor sent out. After viewing that tape, only yesterday, he made some observations about th HR,cC}vow -y{NOT! {Up until that pointoki}, he had been fairly quiet about the whole thing. But, you wouldn't be paranoid, would you? Hmmm, Ron Luks and Ralph Mariano are going to hurt GENie. Do you mean that they are trying to hurt the Atari RT? Sorry Nathan, you're doing a fine job of doing that yourself. The politics that go on in that RT are simply amazing.

Your comments at the end of your message about Lee Seiler were textbook perfect. I'm not surprised; you're probably elated at the outcome.

I echo your closing sentiments, Nathan - I am disgusted as well.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57072 13-JUL 10:09 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57060)
From: DPJ To: RMARIANO

I'm glad that you said, not me, Nathan appears to be a tad defensive these days. "Methinks he doth protesteth too much."

57073 13-JUL 10:13 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57068)
From: DABRUMLEVE To: DPJ

Dana, the "first time" (John Cole's letter, Lee's phone call) did not result in Lexicor's suspension. All three accounts had continuous access to the Category at all times until the tape incident. Even while STR was reporting that Lexicor had been "dropped" from the IAAD, all three accounts were current, having read the latest messages in the Category. The story was false period.

57074 13-JUL 10:15 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57057)
From: DPJ To: ISDMARKETING

Right Nathan, we should just ignore this issue and let it be quietly swept under the rug. Sorry, but the lump that it'd leave would be so large that anyone could tell _something_ was there.

This is an unfortunate event. We take no pride in Lexicor's misfortune. However, we won't ignore it. It's ironic that you seem to point to STReport when these kinds of issues exist. It's also ironic that your name seems to crop up as well. Oh, I forgot, STReport is dogging you. My mistake.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine

57075 13-JUL 10:16 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57073)
From: DPJ To: DABRUMLEVE

According to Seiler, his accounts were flaky at that time. That's what was reported.

Ugh, line noise is terrible.....sorry.

57076 13-JUL 10:19 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57075)
From: DABRUMLEVE To: DPJ

In order to serve to show that Lee's flags were inoperative, he would have had to enter page 475 on the tape. At that time, a flagged account would see the announcement "Entering Free-Flagged Area". There's no such announcement on the tape -- because the tape stays on page 200 the entire session and never is an attempt to enter a flagged area shown.

57077 13-JUL 11:42 CPU/STR Newswire
RE: Lexicor saga (Re: Msg 57076)
From: DPJ To: DABRUMLEVE

Have you seen the tape, Dorothy? I understand that there are two tapes involved, are they identical? Didn't I read in the IAAD statement that there were captures from the IAAD area on the tape; and that was partially the basis for the confidentiality violation?

Can you tell me the process that was taken leading up to the vote, and how this was undertaken? I don't mean to put you on the spot, but as the official spokeswoman of the IAAD, you're the logical person to ask.

Dana @ STReport International Online Magazine
From CIS about the same topics....

#: 41160 S8/Hot Topics
12-Jul-93 18:03:27

Sb: #IAAD statement
Fm: SYSOP*Ron Luks 76703,254
To: All

After reading the explanation provided by the IAAD for Lexicor's expulsion from that organization, and after having talked to Ms. Brumleve, the current president, I feel there is a need for further detail to present a fairer picture of what has happened in this situation.

Perhaps, 'fairer' is not the right term to use. More complete may be the proper way to phrase it.

After reading the file posted in LIB 15, my interpretation is that LEXICOR was thrown out of the IAAD because Lee Seiler had made a videotape which showed his GENie logon (with password) and distributed it to some non-IAAD members.

The purpose of the videotape was to show that Lexicor's free flags on GENie were not functioning and after conversations with Mr. Seiler today, it was confirmed that copies of this videotape had been sent to only 2 parties: Bob Brodie (Atari Corp) and myself. As many of you may recall, this situation was under discussion approx 1 1/2 months ago during the furor of a conflict of interest situation between Lexicor and a GENie sysop. The tapes were sent to Mr. Brodie as a representative of Atari Corp (the co-contract holder on GENie) and myself as an independent party with an expertise in telecommunications. My shrink wrapped copy of the tape remained shrink wrapped until a few hours ago, July 12th. The purpose of the tapes was to show that Lexicor's free flags were not functioning and NOT to divulge any confidential IAAD material.

According to the IAAD statement, Lexicor was finally expelled from the IAAD because they had made their password available to non-IAAD members. I think it is important to note that no claims were made that a non-IAAD member *had* accessed the IAAD area. Just that it would have been *possible* for someone with the tape to do so.

After reading the IAAD file, I unwrapped and viewed the videotape (of the GENie logon session) and noted that it clearly showed temporary passwords set up by Mr. Seiler for the purposes of making the videotape. (The password used was "noflags" which is hardly a typical password, confirming Mr. Seiler's claim over the phone that he used temporary passwords when making the video and that he changed them immediately afterwards).

My tape did not show him accessing any IAAD material or violating any material which would by any stretch of the imagination be considered confidential. (And as I noted, I did not view my tape until today). Since I would not have been able to access the IAAD area, in my opinion there was no breach of confidentiality.

I called Ms. Brumleve and explained this to her and asked if the IAAD would reconsider its vote based upon this new information since it was clear to me that there was no violation of a confidential relationship between Lexicor and the IAAD. She declined this and said that the IAAD statement stood as posted.

Personal aside: I want to make it very clear that I have nothing but respect for Dorothy Brumleve (and her software) and that in our discussions she was "Wearing the hat of the IAAD president" and she may not have had the freedom or latitude to reverse any votes of the IAAD board of

directors.

Furthermore, I'm not sure that the IAAD board had a copy of the videotape in question in their possession when they voted unanimously to expel Lexicor or that they knew who else had copies of the tape. After my conversations today with Ms. Brumleve and Lee Seiler, I am of the belief that only two copies of the videotape in question were made and that I have one of them.

I *know* that I didn't unwrap and view my copy until a few hours ago. I *believe* that the other copy sent to Bob Brodie did not result in ANY breach of confidentiality of IAAD material or conversations.

I am aware of the charges of conflicts of interest that have been made by Lexicor about a Genie Sysop whose business competes with products sold by Lexicor. Furthermore, I am aware that this person is also a member of the IAAD board of directors and the logical assumption would be that this situation is an extension of those same charges. I would caution all readers of this message to remember that these charges are still unresolved and unproven and not to jump to any unfounded conclusions.

Although I am not a member of the IAAD, based upon the information I have at hand, I would strongly urge the IAAD to reconsider its decision regarding Lexicor's status. Given the state of the Atari software marketplace (in this country and worldwide), I personally believe it is in the best interests of the user community to support all the viable developers still supporting the platform.

Ron Luks

#: 41320 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 13:42:55
Sb: #41275-IAAD statement
Fm: SYSOP*Ron Luks 76703,254
To: Dana P. Jacobson 71051,3327

I'll go you one better. I don't think its necessary for the IAAD to admit that they are wrong. I think its simply a matter of reconsidering a decision now that additional information has been made available. That was certainly the intent of my messages and phone calls to the IAAD. Simply that perhaps they didn't know the entire story. (Since I was one of the two people holding the videotape and I hadn't told anyone previous to this, its pretty obvious that they didn't know the full story.)

I don't see any 'shame or embarrassment' in reconsidering a decision based upon additional information. The charge of having made 'too hasty a decision' is so trivial that only the thinnest of egos would object to it.

But again, *we* may not know the entire story and *we* may be the ones with the wrong impression. That's the danger of doing things behind closed doors. Not everyone has all the information.

#: 41327 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 14:39:18
Sb: #41296-IAAD statement
Fm: - Dazzz - 70374,2241
To: SYSOP*Bob Retelle 76702,1466

Shame on you to be so disparaging about a group of hard working Kangaroo Farmers! :-)

Dazzz

#: 41303 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 07:38:21
Sb: #41187-#IAAD statement
Fm: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131
To: LEXICOR Software 75300,763 (X)

Lee,

You raise a very good point about the Cyrell vs. Nova cards. I must admit it is rather compelling. However, I am not sure if I agree with your conclusions. The loss of "12" video card sales is almost nothing. We've sold that many Crazy Dots in one month.

Additionally, you have to remember that one of the big reasons the Cyrell card (not that I am defending any of their actions either) is so expensive is that it has substantial dealer margins worked into its dealer price. This is necessary to allow the dealers to sell the cards at a reasonable profit (I should know, we have to maintain decent dealers marketing on our \$799 Crazy Dots II too). As developers, I believe we have a fundamental right to support the few remaining dealers. They are key to our business, especially when it comes to selling an expensive and complex product as a video card.

Rick Flashman,
Gribnif Software

P.S. I hope you see my serious attempt to discuss this matter as logically as possible while staying neutral. I personally admire you Lee, as you know. However, I feel that the best way for me to discuss this entire matter is to approach it from a neutral standpoint, as it involves some rather complex issues.

#: 41309 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 08:44:43
Sb: #41303-IAAD statement
Fm: LEXICOR Software 75300,763
To: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131

Rick,

Just a few comments....I think you mis-read my post? I said at the time 12 DOZEN that's 144 cards @ \$1,500 each. That's serious money in any one's book I think.

Next I actually agree with you, but I really don't know what else we/I could have done. We did respond on the same day we were notified. We asked for specifics and got a no response, response. I think that it may seem that we objected to private hearings and private information staying private. What we objected to was "Secret" proceedings against us. Such conduct is simply wrong. What possible excuse could any one have for such a thing other than the obvious?

This whole deal is not about rules and privacy, it is about right and wrong.

I have much the same views about you as you have of me "a great deal of Respect" and I am warmed by the knowledge that you do not approve of the actions of the IAAD. I don't know but I suspect that had the Lexicor matter been dealt with in a fair and honest manner by the whole IAAD, Lexicor would still be a member in good standing.

As I mentioned before I really don't see how any member can look any one else in the face and support such actions in this day and age. A bit of News you will be happy to hear...We have combed out a few more bugs that make us more compatible with CrazyDot cards, and I think we might be able to do more. You loan of a card was just what the doctor ordered. Cole18 will fill you in about this shortly....:-)

Lee@Lexicor

#: 41321 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 13:48:57
Sb: #41303-IAAD statement
Fm: SYSOP*Ron Luks 76703,254
To: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131

Rick:

I can appreciate and endorse your desire to say 'out of the fray' on this matter. Its bad enough that some of us are being drawn into it involuntarily. There's no reason to jump in needlessly. [g]

You may have misread Lee's message, though. He wasn't talking about having sold 12 Nova cards, but 12 *dozen* NOVA cards. A more substantial amount of money.

On the other hand, its GREAT to hear that you've sold over a dozen CRAZY Dots cards last month. Combined with your upcoming blockbuster product (GENEVA), its encouraging to see some Atari vendors prospering! (Okay, maybe 'prospering' is too strong a term, but you get my point.)

Ron

#: 41310 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 08:47:02
Sb: #41300-IAAD statement
Fm: LEXICOR Software 75300,763
To: Tony Barker 75300,2630

I am afraid that you are all too right, but the fact is the other reasons are so shameful I simply can not post them here. It has nothing to do with any thing Lexicor ever did inside or outside of the IAAD. If you must know drop me E-Mail.....

Lee@Lexicor

#: 41304 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 07:38:39
Sb: #41160-#IAAD statement
Fm: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131

To: SYSOP*Ron Luks 76703,254 (X)

As one of the founding members of the IAAD (I helped draft the original constitution) I feel I must say something. However, I am not currently active in the IAAD as I do not have the time available to keep up to date with its happenings (haven't participated in IAAD discussions for over a year now).

All I can say, that I think it shows a lack of professionalism from all the parties involved (the IAAD for behaving so secretly without including Lee in their review process, Lee for not making serious attempts to communicate privately with the IAAD) and the manner could have been handled MUCH better.

It seems clear from the evidence, if what Ron Luks has said is true, this matter could have been resolved in such a way that was agreeable to all parties and without the public mayhem that is now happening.

If the facts as stated are true (and they very well might not be, but it is all I have to go by) I do not see the reason or logic for the expulsion. However, now that the matter is public in such a matter, it seems that both parties are stuck "between a rock and a hard place". I doubt either side is willing to budge. This is sad, as it seems if things had only been handled a little better, this would never had taken place.

Lexicor is a legitimate developer. Sure, some developers might have gripes about other developers. But its beyond that point. We are professionals here to do a serious job. It is not a game. That I think is key. If the IAAD had problems with "Lee" it should have considered asking Lexicor to have another employee represent Lexicor in the IAAD. I do not see the logic of removing an entire company due to the actions of one employee.

Rick Flashman,
Gribnif Software

#: 41307 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 08:13:52
Sb: #41304-#IAAD statement
Fm: LEXICOR Software 75300,763
To: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131

Rick,

I appreciate your point of view, but I don't really understand your comment about my being unwilling to budge? I don't know what more I or my company could have done? We did respond and on the same day! We ask for and did not get any answers whatever. As I posted a bit ago, We / I did absolutely nothing wrong what ever. The entire situation is the making of "secret" witnesses and "secret" processes which did not include Lexicor at all.

But I understand what you are saying and agree for the most part. In Fact I agree that even if I did not agree with you, you should be able to stand up and say so, More to the point even if I did not like a stand you might take, I a should be willing to treat you with respect and do business as might be beneficial for both of us.

The fact is that this is not what happened, it is also clear that

even if the matter had stayed a secret, there is no way in the world that the key members of the IAAD would ever admit they were...well you fill in the answer.

Lee@Lexicor

#: 41323 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 14:13:27
Sb: #41307-IAAD statement
Fm: LEXICOR Software 75300,763
To: LEXICOR Software 75300,763

Rick,

You're right in saying that this could have been handled better. I did send several Email's to Dot, and Lee explained that I would be handling the matter for Lexicor (Hey, it's my division, I should be able to run it? Right?) But I never even got a response when I told them that they had a really bad leak, and that Ralph of STR had found out about all this almost before I did (and I was the first Lex person to find out) I sent several messages. I did try to communicate as was my job. I almost take it personally that the parties involved chose to ignore me. Lee said he wasn't going to do anything about it, but he also said that I would handle everything, and that is just what I wasn't allowed to do by the IAAD.

Do you think there is a way for me to budge? I honestly don't see anything I could have done different or do now. Seriously, if there is something I missed I would like to hear about it.

Your insights do mean a lot to me, and I appreciate you sharing them.
Thanks, John @ Lexicor

Read action !

Editor Note:

They ignored you alright John, do you suppose they had a special agenda they were following? hmmm.

#: 41326 S8/Hot Topics
15-Jul-93 14:22:38
Sb: #41304-IAAD statement
Fm: SYSOP*Ron Luks 76703,254
To: Rick @ Gribnif 75300,1131

Thx, Rick. All my public posts were meant to do was to ask the IAAD to reconsider their actions based upon all the evidence now available. I'm not a member of the IAAD and as such, have no standing with the organization.

It can be debated whether or not the matter should have become a public issue or not, but since it HAD been made public, I wanted to add the information I had available to the situation because I felt it changed the picture.

Personally, I'd like to see the matter ended, and I suspect that one way or the other, it won't be a big item of discussion in a very short period of time.

The only question will be "Which players, if any, will be walking away from

the affair with black eyes?"

Now, back to the business of supporting Atari computers and developers and (most importantly) Atari users.

Ron

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